

**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES****Health Resources and Services Administration****Cooperative Agreement With the National Rural Health Association**

**AGENCY:** Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA), DHHS.

**ACTION:** Notice of cooperative agreement award.

**SUMMARY:** The federal Office of Rural Health Policy (ORHP), Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA), announces its intent to award funds in fiscal year (FY) 1998 to continue support of a cooperative agreement with the National Rural Health Association (NRHA), Kansas City, Missouri.

The Federal ORHP seeks solutions to the health care problems of rural communities by working with Federal agencies, the States, national associations, foundations, and private sector organizations. This award will continue a number of projects designed to (1) help build national, State, and community infrastructure through a variety of approaches including workshops, conferences, technical assistance, and other outreach efforts, and (2) help develop and provide current information to a wide audience through various mechanisms including journals, meetings, educational forums, and other dissemination efforts. This cooperative agreement will continue an ongoing partnership with significant involvement and input from ORHP staff in selection of all projects and in development and implementation of the work plan.

HRSA plans to award this cooperative agreement to the NRHA because of its unique characteristics, skills, and superior qualifications in the area of rural health care. NRHA is the only organization with a broad and diverse membership from rural areas throughout the country, a clear mission to improve the delivery of health services in rural areas, and the staff capability to provide research, educational, leadership, and information support to help rural citizens build, maintain, and improve the institutions that can meet their health care needs.

This cooperative agreement is authorized under Sec. 301 of the PHS Act, with funds appropriated under Pub. L. 105-78 (HHS Appropriations Act for FY 1998).

**AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS:** Approximately \$460,000 will be made available for obligation to support this cooperative agreement for a budget period of one

year and a project period of five years beginning in FY 1999.

**OTHER AWARD INFORMATION:** This program is not subject to the provisions of Executive Order 12372, Intergovernmental Review of Federal Programs (as implemented by 45CFR Part 100). The Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance number is 93.912C. **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Contact Jerry Coopey, Director of Government Affairs, Office of Rural Health Policy, Parklawn Building, Room 9-05, Rockville, Maryland 20857 at (301) 443-0835.

Dated: July 27, 1998.

**Claude Earl Fox,**

*Administrator.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES****National Institutes of Health****Notice of Establishment**

Pursuant to the Federal Advisory Committee Act, as amended (5 U.S.C. Appendix 2), the Director, National Institutes of Health, announces the establishment of the National Cancer Institute Director's Consumer Liaison Group (Committee)

This Committee will advise and make recommendations to the Director, National Cancer Institute, from the perspective and viewpoint of cancer consumer advocates on a wide variety of issues, programs and research priorities. The Committee will serve as a channel for consumer advocates to voice their views and concerns.

Unless renewed by appropriate action prior to its expiration, the charter for the National Cancer Institute Director's Consumer Liaison Group will expire two years from the date of establishment.

Dated: July 24, 1998.

**Harold Varmus,**

*Director, National Institutes of Health.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES****National Institutes of Health****National Institute on Drug Abuse; Notice of Closed Meeting**

Pursuant to section 10(d) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, as amended (5 U.S.C. Appendix 2), notice

is hereby given of the following meeting.

The meeting will be closed to the public in accordance with the provisions set forth in sections 552b(c)(4) and 552b(c)(6), Title 5 U.S.C., as amended. The grant applications and the discussions could disclose confidential trade secrets or commercial property such as patentable material, and personal information concerning individuals associated with the grant applications, the disclosure of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy.

*Name of Committee:* National Institute on Drug Abuse Special Emphasis Panel Program Projects Review Committee.

*Date:* August 5, 1998.

*Time:* 1:00 PM to 3:00 PM.

*Agenda:* To review and evaluate grant applications.

*Place:* National Institute on Drug Abuse, Office of Extramural Program Review, Parklawn Bldg., Room 10-42, Rockville, MD 20857 (Telephone Conference Call).

*Contact Person:* Rita Liu, Health Scientist Administrator, Office of Extramural Program Review, National Institute on Drug Abuse, National Institutes of Health, DHHS, 5600 Fishers Lane, Room 10-22, Rockville, MD 20857, (301) 443-9042.

This notice is being published less than 15 days prior to the meeting due to the timing limitations imposed by the review and funding cycle.

(Catalogue of Federal Domestic Assistance Program Nos. 93.277, Drug Abuse Scientist Development Award for Clinicians, Scientist Development Awards, and Research Scientist Awards; 93.278, Drug Abuse National Research Service Awards for Research Training; 93.279, Drug Abuse Research Programs, National Institutes of Health, (HHS)

Dated: July 28, 1998.

**LaVerne Y. Stringfield,**

*Committee Management Officer, NIH.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES****National Institutes of Health****National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases; Notice of Closed Meeting.**

Pursuant to section 10(d) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, as amended (5 U.S.C. Appendix 2), notice is hereby given of the following meeting.

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